

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Cradle Baby Scheme
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cradle baby scheme introduced and implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu with great success and has contributed to the reduction in the incidence of female foeticide and a healthy man-woman ratio; and
(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to introduce and implement the said scheme all over the country so that infanticide is prevented in a large measure and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) The Cradle Baby Scheme was introduced in the year in Salem district of Tamil Nadu. So far 5003 children have been saved (955 male babies 4048 girl babies) under this noble scheme. The rescued children have been given adoption through Specialized Adoption Agencies. There is improvement in the child sex ratio from 942/1000 to 943/1000 in Tamil Nadu as per census 2011.

(b) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme was launched on 22nd January, 2015 in Panipat, Haryana to addresses the declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and related issues of disempowerment of women over a life-cycle continuum. Overall objective of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) Scheme is to improve declining Child Sex Ratio (number of girls per 1000 boys within the age group of 0-6 years) in the country and create an enabling environment for the education of the girl child. Towards this purpose, multi-sectoral interventions are carried out in selected BBBP districts. Apart from this, an awareness campaign is carried out for creating awareness and visibility about the criticality of the issue of declining Child Sex Ratio in the country. Since the scheme is received well in the 100 districts, the scope of the scheme has been further extended to 61 new districts. The scheme has been received well and in the last two years, several local innovative interventions have been demonstrated by the districts with support from Departments of WCD, Health & Education.
